

WEEKLY VIEWS

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FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010

Students from Marian University toured the Indianapolis Re-entry Educational Facility where several residents gave testimonials about the program's impact on their incarceration and re-entry.

Congratulations to Alvin Woods on his 20 years of service to the State of Indiana. Currently, Alvin is a Recreation Leader at the Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF). All of Alvin's state service has been with CIF.

The Wabash Valley Building Trades class presented their most recent project, a playhouse, to Carlisle Elementary, to be enjoyed by pre-school students.

Correctional Medical Services at Westville received the state's first telemedicine equipment. This hi-tech device allows the facility to connect with off-site medical professionals and conduct medical assessments without transporting offenders off facility grounds.

New Castle Correctional Facility's PLUS Dorm donated \$750.00 to the New Castle/Henry County's Big Brother's & Big Sister's Organization.

FOX 59 News Reporter Russ McQuaid visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility to do a story on the IONSCAN Sentinel II Drug Detection machine that was recently installed.

Terre Haute Ivy Tech and the Indiana Correctional Association Club toured the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, learning how custody and programs work closely to prepare offenders for re-entry.

The Carlisle Junior High 8th grade class sent Wabash Valley's PLUS Unit a thank you letter for donating three quilts to their fundraising effort. A raffle generated \$845, helping them reach their goal for their annual class trip to St. Louis.



Westville Correctional Facility's offender band "Time and Tunes" hosted two spring concerts for the offenders. The band has received thousands of dollars of musical equipment from local professional musicians.

Pendleton Correctional Facility donated 116 food items to the Second Harvest Food Bank in Anderson. The items were donated by staff for the "Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers" food drive sponsored by First Lady Cheri Daniels.

Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility had 10 students participate in the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators' (CJCA) First Annual Yearbook Cover Contest.

Andre Patterson was awarded the Director's Award for his work with the State Employees' Community Campaign at Northeast Juvenile.

Branchville Assistant Superintendent Gibson awarded a \$500 check to

Perry Central Elementary School. So far this year he has distributed \$2,500 to Perry—Crawford county schools to help with class projects. The money is raised through offender fund raisers.

Three students from Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility visited the Jefferson County Animal Shelter for Restorative Justice and some play time with the animals.

The Indiana State Prison's Shifting Gears Program donated 30 refurbished bicycles to the Villages in Portage. The Villages is Indiana's largest not-for-profit child and family services agency, serving over 1,200 children and their families each day.

The PLUS Community at the Correctional Industrial Facility donated 20 hand crafted center pieces, three jewelry boxes, a functional grandfather clock, two paintings and 20 handcrafted inspirational cards to the Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP).

New Castle Correctional Facility honored 61 offenders for completion of GED/Literacy/ESL programs and 77 offenders for completing Vocational programs.

The Taylor University Jazz Band performed this week at the CIF Chapel.

Pendleton Juvenile had 11 students earn their GED's with an average score of 520.

"Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes." ~ Jack Handey